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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 3-4

PART B FOR July 1904

SUBJECT.

Memorial of Mr. A. Kodandapani Mudr. Asst. Surgeon, anent his reversion in the Medical Department.

	FILE No. 18 of 1903-04. *Memorial of Mr. A. Kodandapany Mudaliar, Sub-Assistant Surgeon, for the restoration to his appointment as Health Officer of the Mysore City.*	
1	From the Senior Surgeon No. 461, dated the 19th March 1904. Forwards the petition of Mr. Kodandapany Mudaliar, Sub-Assistant Surgeon, *anent* his reversion to the Medical, Department.	
2	To the Senior Surgeon, No. 651, dated the 26th July 1904. Observes that Government are not prepared to reconsider his case.	

1783-5—L. F. 24-01, dated 12th November 1903.

Office Note.

Memorial of Mr. Kodan
dapani to H.H. the Maha
Raja.

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The Senior Surgeon has forwarded this with a letter addressed to the Private Secretary to His Highness through the General & Rev-Secretary.

2 To begin with this is erroneous procedure. He should have sent the memorial up to Government and not merely through the General Secretary. If authority is needed for this elementary rule of official procedure, it is provided in G. orders hereunto appended. (No 9121 of 6/12/96 & No G 858-97 of 12-8-03. No 1263 G.O.)

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Return on this ground only

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3 This letter moreover contains criticisms on a matter which has been dealt with

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5 This is a question of official discipline and etiquette. Please place it before the Dewan

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8. As directed by the Dewan the petition was formally returned to the Senior Surgeon and the contents of para 3 supra were communicated to him semi-officially.

+ vide flags A & C

9. In re-submitting the petition formally, Col Benson invites the attention of Govt to paras 20-(2) & (6) of the petition wherein it is stated that the Petitioner was never given an opportunity of explaining the charges made against him ex parte and that the Senior Surgeon's & Sanitary Commissioner's expert opinions have been overlooked. He also invites a reference to his letter no G. 3328 dated the 24th July 1902 which is a protest against the Government

vide Enclosure to this Govt. Disc

order directing that Mr. Kodandarami Aiyar should work under the orders of the Vice-President.

Submitted for orders with the available papers to avoid any more delay. Authenticated copies of all important references relating to the case accompany the Petition.

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Submitted for orders.

31/5/04

Submitted to the Diwan through the 1st Councillor

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The facts of the case have been fully stated in the Diwan's letter to His Highness dated 3/11/03. Mr. Kodandarami Aiyar's present representation. He was heard sufficiently long before judgment. He [illegible] upon being made independent of the Vice President. But I am of opinion that this would be prejudicial

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to medical witness. He requested that in that case he might be permitted to the medical beds. This request was complied with with certain observations. I submit that there are no grounds for a reconsideration of the Order passed in the matter. The Senior Counsel, in the subsequent conversation, had quite right not see in any way to find fault in with his views.

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Submitted 6/19/04.

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Submitted to His Highness.

The matter was laid before His Highness whose orders were carried out by the [illegible] I s/ Councillors remarks & enquiries referred to in it explain fully the circumstances. To my personal knowledge Kodanda Rao Mudaliar was given every opportunity but he failed to avail himself of it or of the advice that I personally gave him on several occasions - He seems to be a man that cannot be put in independent charge anywhere.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Record of case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

DATE 18.7.04 NO 44.

Subject.

Memorial of Mr. Kodandapani Mudliar, lately Health Officer of the City of Mysore, about his reversion to the Medical Department.

DATE 21.7.04 NO 51.

Order.

I am not prepared to reconsider this case. The dead-lock in the Sanitary Department of the Mysore City Municipality was, I consider, in a great measure due to Mr. Kodandapani's want of tact and ability to work in harmony with the officers of other Departments. No good will come of reopening the question now.

But I am far from considering that existing Municipal arrangements in Mysore are satisfactory. We have no Health Officer and the only expert opinion available, is, that of the Civil Surgeon, who has a full measure of work of his own to attend to. In this matter, the Govt. has accepted the responsibility of ignoring the advice of the two Senior Surgeons, Cols. Benson and Smyth. On the other hand, the other branches of Municipal Administration do not, so far as their results are apparent to the

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& then send the file to the
2d Councillor &
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the views of
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eye, show much compensating efficiency. My present opinion is, that both in the matter of sanitation and engineering, the Municipality requires expert advice always available and I shall be glad if the Dewan and Council will examine the whole situation and consider how it may be improved.

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From Lt. Col. F. A. Benson M.B, I.M.S.
The Senior Surgeon and
Sanitary Commissioner,
Mysore Government,
Bangalore.

To

R. K. Venkatavaradaiengar
Esq. Secretary to the Govt.
of H.H. the Maharaja
of Mysore
Gen'l Rev. Depts
Bangalore

Dated 19.3.04

Despatched

Received

General No. G 461
No.

Enclosure No. 1 File

Forwarding a petition with its enclosures of Mr. A. Kodandapani Mudaliar Sub Assistant Surgeon addressed to His Highness the Maharaja, ament his reversion to the Medical Department.

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No. G. 461 Dated Bangalore 19th March 1904

From

Lt. Col. Percy H. Benson M.B, I.M.S,
Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner
to the Government of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore

To

B. K. Venkatavaradaiengar Esqr.
Offg: Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith, in accordance with Proceedings of Government No. Pet/1528-67 dated 1st May 03, a petition from Mr. A. Kodandapani, late Health Officer of the Mysore city, to the address of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. I regret that there has been some delay in forwarding the same, but, when his papers were handed to me shortly after my return from Burmah, I was under the impression that the Memorial had been sent to His Highness and that it was merely placed before me for information and perusal. I find now that it was returned as it was not sent through the proper channel. The proceedings above quoted say, that the Memorial should be submitted by the Head of the Department concerned with his remarks. I have no remarks to make other than to draw attention to paras 2 & 6 of the summing up of the Petitioner's case as also to paras 3, 4, & 7 of my letter No. G. 33 dated 24th July 02 and to state that the question of whether the town of Mysore has

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or has not benefitted in the matter of sanitation by the appointment of a wealth officer is one on which the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner might with all due deference well have been taken.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Lt.Col.I.M.S.

Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner

Mysore Government.

BANGALORE,
30th December 1903.

To

HIS HIGHNESS

THE MAHARAJAH OF MYSORE,

Through the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner

With the Government of Mysore,

BANGALORE.

Enclosures. 9.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF **A. KODANDA PANI,** LATE HEALTH OFFICER OF MYSORE CITY.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWS:

That Your humble Petitioner is an L. M. & S, of the University of Madras, an L. R. C. P. & S. of Edinburgh and a D.P.H. of the University of Cambridge.

2. That Your humble Petitioner obtained the first two of these qualifications by his industry and perserverance and at his own personal expense, while for the third said qualification he was helped by the Government of Mysore to the extent of Rs. 2,000 for which he is grateful. This amount is not even 25 per cent of the amounts paid by the Government to others who obtained qualifications in England.

3. In deep gratitude to the Government of Mysore Your humble Petitioner remained in the Mysore Service on a salary of Rs. 100 per mensem on his return from England, in the hope of rising in the Mysore Service and in spite of better offers from outside the Province.

4. That in 1901 on the strong recommendation of Lt.-Col. J. Smyth, Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner (*vide* enclosure No. A). Your humble Petitioner was appointed as Health Officer of the City of Mysore and was put in independent charge of the Conservancy and Sanitary arrangements of the City subject to the general control of the President for the City Municipality.

5. Your humble Petitioner had also charge of the Plague operations in the City; but the funds allotted for the improvement of Conservancy and Sanitation were under the control of the Vice-President of the Mysore City Municipality and he often thwarted Your humble Petitioner in his attempts to improve the condition of the City and to carry out reforms for reasons of which Your Petitioner knows nothing.

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6. Your humble Petitioner was able to effect a saving of Rs. 6,000 from Plague Funds which were in his charge for Plague preventive measures, for which the Petitioner was commended by Mr. M. Kantaraj Urs, the then President, in his Plague Annual Report for the City for the year 1902-03.

7. That in June 1902 to the surprise of Your humble Petitioner, the Government placed Your humble Petitioner in subordination to the Vice-President on the representations made by the President, Mr. H. Ramanuja Iyengar, in a Report to the Government stating that the general conservancy of the City had suffered, which allegation was made *ex parte* and Your humble Petitioner was never asked for any explanation.

8. If such allegation was well-founded the President could very well have remarked on Your Petitioner's diaries which were submitted to him every day for the information of the Government through the Sanitary Commissioner. Your Petitioner is glad to say that no unfavorable remarks of any kind were ever made on any of them.

9. The fact of this allegation not having been proved and Your Petitioner having been unjustly dealt with as above, was brought to the notice of the Government by Lt.-Col. P. H. Benson, the then Sanitary Commissioner, on Your Petitioner submitting a copy of the letter to the President (*vide* enclosure Nos. B and C).

10. In this letter the Petitioner had pointed out that the order was quite contrary to the expert opinions of the Sanitary Commissioners (*vide* enclosure Nos. A. C. and D.) and prayed that if the Government still thought that Your Petitioner should work in subordination to the Vice-President, he would prefer to be relieved of his duties as Health Officer. Whereupon the President, Mr. H. Ramanuja Iyengar, at whose representation the new order was passed, sent for Your Petitioner and returned his letter, requesting him to withdraw it, and stated that the Government Proceedings were not peremptory and that Your Petitioner might go on with his work as usual; and so the order of the Government as to Your Petitioner's subordination to the Vice-President was not enforced. This is borne out by the fact of the President, Mr. H. Ramanuja Iyengar, not submiting the report called for by the Government in their Proceedings (*vide* enclosure No. E. latter portion of para. 1) though he continued to be President for a much longer period than three months.

11. When Mr. Venkatavaradiengar assumed charged of the Presidentship he learnt that a report was long due and informed the Government that as the order was not enforced he was not in a position to give any opinion on the matter.

12. Thereupon the Government passed orders (*vide* enclosure No. F para. 2) stating that Your Petitioner should work under the Vice-President pending final orders in regard to the status of the Health Officer in the Municipality.

13. Mr. Kantaraj Urs, who subsequently assumed charge of the Presidentship, directed Your Petitioner to submit all papers concerning conservancy only requiring his final orders through the Vice-President. But the papers were invariably returned to Your humble Petitioner by the Vice-President, remarking that he was no mere medium of communication between the President and his subordinate.

14. In 1903 when Plague assumed an epidemic form, the Second Councillor and the Sanitary Commissioner, after personally inspecting Your humble Petitioner's work, were of opinion that the work was very heavy for one person and appointed a Chief Plague Officer, to look after only Plague work, to enable Your Petitioner to attend to Sanitation only.

15. In November last, Government instead of defining the status of Your humble Petitioner as per their Proceedings (*vide* No. F. para 2), passed an order (*vide* No. G) that Your humble Petitioner should revert to the Medical Department, because 16 months ago he had requested this to be done under the circumstances then represented and Government moreover characterized Your humble Petitioner's conduct as follows :—" This conduct is hardly what should be expected of an Officer who has received special help and consideration at the hands of Government for obtaining his training in Sanitary Science in England, still as it has not been shown that the City has not been benefitted in any appreciable degree by this additional appointment," &c., &c.

A gracious perusal of the extract of Mr. M. Kantaraj Urs' Plague Annual Report for the Mysore City for the year 1902-03(*vide* No. H.) will clearly evidence Your humble Petitioner's work.

16. Your humble Petitioner begs to state that his conduct can hardly be considered ungrateful in any way, as he was prepared to show that he could not work in subordination to the Vice-President, seeing which neither the President (Mr. H. Ramanuja Iyengar) who had the order passed, nor any of his successors in office, considered it necessary to place Your Petitioner under such subordination.

17. Your Petitioner has not been heard at any time and is reverted simply because 16 months ago he desired a reversion if he could not be heard.

18. Your humble Petitioner feels it most keenly to see another Officer with only an Indian qualification, looking after only Plague work, quite independent of the Vice-President for which he draws an allowance of Rs. 200 per mensem, while Your humble Petitioner with extra and special qualifications was looking after both Plague and Sanitation for half that allowance.*(vide no I)

19. Your humble Petitioner begs to state that by such reversion he loses Rs. 100 per mensem, and further his reversion under present circumstances is likely to blast his prospects for life.

20. To sum up Your Petitioner's case:—

(1) Your Petitioner is not ungrateful.

(2) Your Petitioner has never been given an opportunity of explaining the charges made against him *ex parte*.

(3) The order placing him in subordination to the Vice-President was never put in force by the President who got the order passed.

(4) The letter of Your Petitioner addressed to the President asking to be relieved of the duties of Health Officer, was withdrawn at the request of the President himself.

(5) The status of the Health Officer was never defined as ~~the~~ per Proceedings of the Government.

(6) The Senior Surgeon's and Sanitary Commissioner's expert opinions have been overlooked.

(7) Your Petitioner's work has been commended.

(8) Your Petitioner's services are obtained at a very small salary and allowance when compared with those paid to other Health Officers.

21. Your humble Petitioner respectfully prays that as it has not been proved that he is any way to blame, such orders that the justice of the matter may demand may be passed by Your Highness and that Your humble Petitioner may be restored to the Office of the Health Officer of the Mysore City, independent of the Vice-President as recommended by Lt.-Cols. J. Smyth and P. H. Benson.

For which act of kindness Your humble Petitioner will ever pray.

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DIPLOMAS CERTIFICATES

AND

TESTIMONIALS

OBTAINED BY

A. K. PANI, L.M. & S. (Madras.),

L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.), D.P.H. (Cantab.),

I

L.M. & S. DIPLOMA of the University of Madras: dated 26th March 1897.

II

TRIPLE DIPLOMA (*in Latin*) granted by the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh; and the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow: dated 27th October 1899.

III

DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH of the **University of Cambridge,** dated 3rd May 1900.

Attesting that the Holder has approved himself to the Examiners "by his KNOWLEDGE and SKILL in SANITARY SCIENCE to wit in Chemistry and Physics in the causes and prevention of Epidemic and Infectious Diseases and in the means of remedying or ameliorating those Circumstances and Conditions of life which are known to be injurious to health as well as in the Laws of the Realm relating to Public Health" and is "CERTIFIED to be qualified in respect of his Knowledge and Skill aforesaid to fulfil the Duties of a **Medical Officer of Health.**"

IV

Certificate of the Practical Course at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital.

We certify that A. K. Pani hath been admitted to see the practice of the Medical Directors of this Hospital for a period of *four months* whereby he has had an opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of the nature and treatment of the several Diseases incident to the Eye.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS.
(Sd.) WARREN TAY.
,, R. MARCUS GUNN.
,, WILLIAM LANG.
,, A. BARRY SILCOCK.
,, J. B. LAWFORD.
,, A. STANFORD MORTON.
,, E. TREACHER COLLINS.
,, W. T. HOLMES SPICER.

LONDON, *4th May 1900.*

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V.

WESTERN HOSPITAL,
SEAGRAVE ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON, S. W.,
23rd July 1899.

This is to certify that Dr. A. K. Pani has attended to my satisfaction a course of Instruction in Infections Diseases at this Hospital.

R. M. BRUCE,
Medical Superintendent.

VI

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON,
GOWER STREET, W. C.
May 25th 1900.

Dr. Pani (A. K.) has attended my course of Lectures, Examinations and Demonstrations on Bacteriology in relation to Hygiene at University College and has distinguished himself by the zeal and ability with which he has carried on his work, as well as by passing his Examination for the Diploma of Public Health at Cambridge including the practical and General Examination in Bacteriology.

(Signed) CHRISTOPHER CHILDS, M.A., M.D. (Oxon.), D.P.H.,
Lecturer on Bacteriology in relation to Hygiene,
University College, London.

VII

10, MANSFIELD STREET,
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.
May 25th 1900.

This is to certify that Mr. A. K. Pani, L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.) D.P.H. has attended the advanced course of Bacteriology in the Pathological department at University College. This course includes the systematic study of pathogenic and non-pathogenic bacteria, as well as the methods of investigation of water, air, and soil. The diligence with which Mr. Pani did his work with the grounding he has had, fits him to hold a post requiring expert knowledge of Bacteriology.

(Signed) SIDNEY MARTIN, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P.,
Professor of Pathology University College,
Physician to University College Hospital.

VIII

19, SAVILE ROW,
May 25, 1900.

I have much pleasure in testifying that Dr. A. K. Pani has passed through the complete course of instruction in Hygiene, both practical and theoretical at the University College. He has worked in the Hygiene Laboratory for more than six months at the methods of analysis of water, air, foods, &c., he has attended the demonstrations, including those of sanitary appliances, and he has accompanied me on visits of inspection to important sanitary works. He has since gained the Diploma in Public Health granted by the University of Cambridge.

I consider that he is thoroughly well qualified to perform the duties of an important sanitary post.

(Siuned) W. H. CORFIELD, M.A., M.D., (Oxon-), F.R.C.P. (London),
Professor of Hygiene and Public Health at University College, London,
Medical Officer of Health for the Parish of St. George, Hanover Square.
Vice-President of the Sanitary Institute.
Consulting Sanitary Adviser to Her Majesty's Office of Works.

IX

FINCHLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,
OFFICES: BIBBSWORTH HOUSE,
CHURCH END, FINCHLEY N.,
May 28, 1900.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the good sound knowledge which Dr. A. K. Pani, possesses of all matters relating to the Public Health. He was a most diligent worker in the Public Health Department of University College, London, under Professor Corfield and myself, he spared no pains to acquire a good working knowledge of the practical side of all branches of Public Health Work.

Dr. Pani took the Diploma of Public Health at the University of Cambridge in April last. I can also speak very highly of Dr. Pani's personal qualities. He is thorough, conscientious, able and he is a pleasant colleague to work with. He will be sure to give satisfaction to those who secure his services for any Public Health post.

(Signed) HENRY KENWOOD,
Lecturer and Assistant Prof: of the Public Health at University College, London.
Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst for Stoke Newington and Finchley, London.
Member of the Council of the Sanitary Institute and of the Soc: Medical Officer: Health.
Lecturer to the National Health Soc: &c.

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From

The Offg. Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner,
with the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to Government,
General and Revenue Departments, Bangalore.

No. 683

Dated 24th July 1901.

Sir,

With reference to the recent appointment of a whole time Health Officer to Mysore City as ordered in G.O.No.875-76 / L.B.(P) 152-53 dated 18-7-01, I have the honor to suggest that early orders may be issued placing the entire control of the Sanitary Staff and appurtenances directly under the control of the Health Officer and placing this Officer under the direct order of the President of the Municipal council.

2. When temporarily in charge of the office of the Senior Surgeon to the Government of Mysore last year, I ventured to point out the advantages of giving the Health Officer the complete control of the personel and equipment of the Sanitary Department, both to appoint, pay, and dismiss, always under the direct control of the President. I need not dwell on the waste of time and energy that takes place under the plan of making the Health Officer a mere Sanitary Inspector. On his rounds he points out various defects, perhaps interviews the Municipal Servants on the score of their short comings, makes out a diary which goes before the Vice President for disposal. In 9 cases out of 10 the reports are dealt with in a totally inadequate manner, so that things remain just as they were before. The Vice President as a rule being an unskilled Officer fails to appreciate the gravity of the Sanitary situation and consequently deals too leniently with the offenders. The Health Officer who knows how the thing ought to be done is the proper officer to see it carried out and ought to be ~~done-is-the-proper-officer~~ in a position to insist on things being properly done without having to call in the assistance of any one whatever.

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3. It may be advanced against this proposal that the Health Officer is a comparatively inexperienced officer. But I contend that although this is the case he with his special train-ing will rapidly acquire the necessary skill in managing his personnel - while without the requisite training all this so called " Experience " is not worth a 4 anna piece.

4. The case is exactly comparable to your old Self-made Medical man pretending that because he has a grey head and 40 years experience he cannot be efficiently replaced by an educated young graduate who has no experience. But that idea is now long exploded and we have ceased to believe in mere "experience"

5. I have the honor therefore to strongly urge that the new Health Officer in Mysore be tried on the lines I have recommended and I am greatly mistaken if he disappoints my expectation. But even if he does disappoint me the principle of the proposal being correct, the personal element must be taken into consideration and if the present Health Officer fails, another Officer with the requisite grit can be found to take his place.

I have &c.,

Sd/ J. Smyth M.D.
Major
~~Lt-Col~~ .I.M.S.
Offg.Senior Surgeon and Sany.Commr.,M.G

"C O P Y"
"By Order"
Ishanjaffer
Personal Asstt. to the
Senior Surgeon and Sany.Commr.,M.G.

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No.31 Enc.one. Health Office, Mysore City

Dated 14th July 1902.

From

A.Kodandapani Esqr,

Health Officer, Mysore City.

To

H. Ramanujiengar Esqr,

President, City Municipality, Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of copy of the Government Proceedings No.447-50/L.W.24-1901 dated 9th instant sent with your office No.113 dated 11th instant and to state that however keen and intelligent a person may be, it will be impossible for him to be a Sanitary Adviser, a complainant and a subordinate at one and the same time to any other person whatever may be the rank and position of the latter.

In this Municipality the vice President is one of the executives as such he has got to act up to the advice of the Health Officer in matters connected with the Sanitation. Any deviation from this on his part necessitates the Health Officer to invite your attention to the same.

If the Health Officer be the subordinate of the vice President, how far it would be efficacious in bringing such deviations to the notice of the latter who may not like it, is a matter for consideration. However daring and straight forward a subordinate may be, it will be impossible for him to point out such defects to his immediate superior without incurring his dis-pleasure. Trying to avoid such unpleasantness means no improvement in sanitation of the City and it will go to the discredit of the Health Officer. It is why everywhere Health officers though paid by the Board are maintained as independent Government Officers and Dr. Smyth has also been pleased to expound so practically in his letter No.262 P dated 29th September 1900 to the Plague Commissioner (Extract of the Copy herein enclosed) that the Health Officers should be as independent as priests.

I accepted to serve as Health Officer, only on such un-derstanding and no others.

As you have been pleased to move the government to pass a proceedings contrary to the established views of professional experts and as you have deprived me of the help of a professional, a duly qualified and hardworking Sanitary Inspector who has been working for the past 12 years in this city during several important occasions and for the past year directly under me without giving cause for any complaint and bringing in a layman quite ignorant of sanitary science, the city and the nature of its people as Sanitary Inspector, especially at a time when there will be large congregation in the City, of persons of all ranks and positions during the ensuing Installation of His Highness and the visit of the Viceroy and when plague is showing itself to spread, I am quite confident that all these will affect Sanitation and will end in no credit to me in the coming event.

Further the Government, passing the above proceedings on representations made by you without even a formal enquiry, and reducing the Sanitary Inspector in the same way, frightens me all the great and I therefore in continuation of my D. O. dated 9th instant to you beg to request that you will be pleased to arrange to relieve me of my duties as Health Officer on or before the 20th instant.

(Copies forwarded to the Secretary to the Government and the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner).

I have etc.,

Sd/ A. Kodandapani

Health Officer, Mysore City.

" C o p y "

Sd/ A.Kodandapani

Health Officer, Mysore City.

" C O P Y "

"By Order"

Personal Asstt. to the

Senior Surgeon & Sany. Commr., M.G.

C.V.

From

The Health Officer,

Mysore City.

To

The Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner

with the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated 17th July 1902.

No.40 Enc.1

Sir,

In submitting the enclosed copy of Government Proceedings No.447-50/L.F.24-01 dated 9th July 1902, I beg to state that if the Government had been pleased to give me an opportunity for explaining the charges against me I would have satisfied the Government, how and by whom the friction started and that there is evidently a considerable improvement in the Conservancy works under my charge.

As the conditions on which I was made to accept the post of Health Officer Mysore City are now changed at no fault of mine, I request that you will be pleased to revert me into the Medical Department by relieving me from the duties of Health Officer as requested in my letter No.31 dated 14th instant to the President City Municipal Board Mysore, a copy of which I have already forwarded to you.

"COPY"

'By Order'

H.Ranjappa

Personal Asst. to the

Senior Surgeon and Sany.Commr.,M.G.

I beg to remain &c.,

Sd/ A.Kodandapani

Health Officer, Mysore.

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From

Lt. Col. Percy H. Benson M.B.,I.M.S.

Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner

with the Government of Mysore, Bangalore

To

H. V. Nanjundayya Esqr, M.A.,M.L.

Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

Genl. and Rev. Departments, Bangalore.

No.G33

Dated 24th July 1902.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government a letter from Sub Assistant Surgeon Mr.A.Kothandapani Mudaliar, Health Officer of the Mysore City asking that he may be relieved of his duties and allowed to revert to the Medical Department.

2. By so doing he will be the loser of Rs.100/- per mensem and the fact of his being willing to forego the allowance is I think sure evidence that he is not only discontented but that he also feels an injustice has been done him by placing " in subordination to and under the general control of the Vice President ".

3. The Proceedings of Government and Order thereon No. 447-50/L.F.24-1901 of 9th July 1902 appear to be based upon a letter No.877 of 18-4-02 from the President of the Municipality to Government reporting on the working of the conservancy esta-

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establishment in Mysore City. So far as I am aware no copy of this letter was sent to the Health Officer so that he has no opportunity of justifying himself against the charges made against him which is unfair.

4. If the President was not satisfied with the working of the Conservancy Staff in the City he should have brought it to the notice of the Health Officer and if his explanation was unsatisfactory the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner might have been obtained.

5. If the fact of the Health Officer being independent of the Vice President gave room for friction, it is only reasonable to suppose that it was because he was in this position, in which case it must have originated in the first place with the Vice President.

6. In order to remove this friction Government now propose to the place the Health Officer (who was formerly independent of the Vice President) in subordination to and under his general control a step which must inevitably lead to increased friction and further inefficiency of the Conservancy Staff. In the course of conversation with the Vice President he said he was not at all in favour of having the Health Officer under him and I am convinced that it will never work.

7. I have already written very strongly on what I consider should be the duties of the Health Officers of the Bangalore and Mysore Cities. They should be given <u>sole</u> control of all matters

matters connected with Sanitation and Conservancy and all monies allotted for these purposes under the orders of the President. This is what obtains in Madras and the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and I see no reason why the Health Officers of Bangalore and Mysore should not have the same powers and if at the end of a year it is not found to work satisfactorily some other arrangement may come to. I may mention that Mr.Standish Lee the Sanitary Engineer told me he had noticed a marked improvement in the upkeep of the Port drainage scheme since the present Health Officer has had charge of it.

8. I have therefore the honor to request that Government will be pleased to approve of my proposal, failing which I consider that it is only fair to the Health Officer that his request to revert to the Medical Department be granted.

I have etc.,

Sd/ D. H. Benson M.B.

Lt.Col.I.M.S.

Senior Surgeon and Sany.Commr.,M.G

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'By Order'

Personal Asst. to the
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Extract from the Government Proceedings for October 1900.

Copy of the Senior Surgeon's letter to the Government.

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The number of the scavengers ought to be increased by at least one quarter, and the carts ought to be doubled or trebbled or more, all of which together with the Overseers should be under the immediate authority of the Health Officer to fine, appoint or dismiss and pay them their wages. If his authority in these matters is not absolute he is paralysed at the very outset for real good. If he is constantly interfered with; if his verdicts in regard to his subordinates are as likely as not to be upset by a Superior Officer, I declare it would be better not to appoint a Health Officer at all. Make him responsible; place the power in hands; and, if it is in him, he will succeed; if it is not in him, he will have to be re-placed by a man of different calibre. In Mysore, the Health Officer has a veritable mountain of difficulty to contend against, and should not be worried by petty official interferences, by time-wasters whatever their rank or status. All this does not mean that everything he does shall not be done by the sanction of the President; but what I wish to emphasise is that unless the matter is of very serious moment, even if the Health Officer is technically wrong, nothing should be said or done either to harass him or reduce his status in the eyes of those whom he must, so to speak, drive; and nothing above all that will waste his all too valuable time. He must not be a puppet. He ought to be as independent as a priest.

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Sd/ A.K.Kodandapani.

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Proceedings of the Government of Mysore.

Read:-

Letter No.877 dated the 18th April 1902 from the President of the Municipal Commission, Mysore City, reporting on the working of the conservancy establishment of the Mysore city Municipality.

ORDER THEREON NO. 447-50/L.F.24-1901

Dated Bangalore 9th July 1902.

Government regret to observe that the present system of working the conservancy establishment in the Mysore City with the Health Officer at its head independent of the Vice President has given room for friction between the two Officers, and that in consequence, the Municipal work has seriously suffered. They are therefore, pleased to direct that Mr.Kodandapani Modaliar, Health Officer of the City Municipality, be at once placed in subordination to and under the general control of the Vice President who is much the former's senior both in rank and pay.

The President will, however, submit a report at the end of three months on the working of the new arrangement.

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Sd/ H. Ramaiya,

For Offg. Secretary.

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"By Order"

D.S. Campbell

Personal Asstt. to the

Senior Surgeon and Sany.Commr.,M.C.

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Proceedings of the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

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3. Also letter No.142 dated the 28th January 1903 from the same Officer reporting with reference to Government Proceedings No.447-50/L.F.24-01 dated the 9th July 1902 that, as he is informed that the Health Officer did not work under the orders of the Vice President as directed by Government but independently of him, he can offer no opinion in the matter, and that when he asked the Health Officer he said he did not wish to work under the orders of the Vice President.

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Order thereon No.15651-3/L.F.226-96

Dated Bangalore 5th May 1903.

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2. Government direct that, pending final orders in regard to the status of the Health Officer in the Municipality, Mr. Kodandapani Modaliar should work in subordination to and under the general control of the Vice - President as already decided in the order of the 9th July 1902.

Sd/ H. Ramaiya,

For Secretary.

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'By Order'

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Personal Asstt. to the

Senior Surgeon and Sany. Commr.,M.G.

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Proceedings of the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

Government Proceedings No.447-50/L.F.24-01 dated the 9th July 1902 directing that Mr.Kodandapani Modaliar, Health Officer of the Mysore City Municipality be placed in subordination to and under the general control of the Vice President.

2. Letter No.G.33 dated the 24th July 1902 from the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of Mysore, submitting a letter from Mr.Kodandapani Modaliar, Health Officer requesting that he may be relieved of his duties as Health Officer and permitted to revert to the Medical Department.

3. Docket No.G.421 dated the 20th May 1903 from the same Officer requesting early orders in the matter.

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Order thereon No.1783-5/L.F.24-01 Enc.2.

Dated Bangalore 12th November 1903.

Mr.Kodandapani Modaliar, when first appointed Health Officer of the Mysore City, was placed at the head of the conservancy establishment independently of the Vice President of the Municipality, but as this system was soon found to be unsatisfactory, the Health Officer was directed to work in subordination to the Vice President who was in every way senior to him.

2. Mr.Kodandapani Modaliar has considered this to be a grievance

grievance and requested the Senior Surgeon to relieve him of his duties as Health Officer of the City Municipality and permit him to revert to the Medical Department. Though this conduct is hardly what should be expected of an Officer who has received special help and consideration at the hands of Government for obtaining his training in Sanitary Science in England, still, as it has not been shown that the City has benefited in any appreci-able degree by this additional appointment, Government are plea-sed to direct the reversion of Mr.Kodandapani Modaliar to Medi-cal Department. The vice President, who will be in charge of the entire municipal work including conservancy establishment should be directed to pay proper attention to the conservancy and sanitation of the town.

Sd/ H. Ramaiya,
for Secretary.

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By Order"

Personal Asstt. to the
Senior Surgeon and Sany. Commr.,M.G.

From

Lt. Col. P. H. Benson M.S.,I.M.S.
Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner
Mysore Government.

To

H. V. Nanjundayya Esqr, M.A.,M.L.
Secretary to Government, Genl. and Revenue
Departments, Bangalore.

Dated 20-5-03.

No.G.421.

This office No.G.33 dated 24th July 1902, recommending that the Health Officers of the Bangalore and Mysore Cities should be given sole control of all matters connected with sani-tation and conservancy &c., &c.,

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In inviting kind attention to the above, has the honor to request the favor of an early reply thereto.

By order,
Sd/ T. S. Nanjappa,
For Senior Surgeon and Sany.Commr.,M.G.

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'By Order'
T.S. Nanjappa
Personal Asst. to the
Senior Surgeon & Sany. Commr., M.G.

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Extract from the Plague Annual Report for the City of Mysore for the year 1902-03.

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The Health Officer Mr. A.Pedanda Pani Mudaliar has spared no pains in turning out real good work to the com-plete satisfaction of all concerned.. His untiring energy and activity in the discharge of his work can scarcely be equalled. His solicitude for the improvement of the Sanitation of the City is real and earnest and his efforts in that direction are praiseworthy.

I beg to bring his good work to the favorable notice of the Government.

(Sd) M.Kantaraj Urs.
President, City Municilaity,
Mysore.

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Date of issue 26/7/12

Signed by Rm B.K. Venkataramana Iyengar

READ.—

Letter No G 461 dated the 19th March, 1904, from the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commr with the Govt of Mysore submitting for orders memorial dated the 30th Dec 1903.

ORDER THEREON.—No.

of Mr A. Kodandapany Iyer, late Health Officer of the City of Mysore, to H.H. the Maharaja, praying that he may be restored to his appt as Health Officer of the Mysore City

Order

SUBJECT

Declining to reconsider the case of Mr A. Kodandapany Iyer, Sub Asst Surgeon.

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Order thereon in 651 — 1896-03-04 / 2.13 9/26/7/04

The Govt of H. H. the Maharaja are not prepared to reconsider ~~this~~ this Case. The dead-lock in the Sanitary Deptt of the Mysore City Municipality was, ~~they Consider~~, in a great measure due to Mr Kodandapany Mudaliar's want of tact and ability to work in harmony with the officers of other Deptts. ~~No good will come of re-opening the Question now.~~

23.7.1904

H. H. the Maharaja's order) Offg Secy

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To, The Senior Surgeon.

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